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In re application of:  
Wolfgang Anderheggen et al  
Serial No.: 10/055,652  
Filed: January 23, 2002

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: DECISION ON  
: PETITION

For: A PROCESS AND AN APPARATUS FOR THE SEPARATION  
OF OIL FROM CHOPPED ELASTANE FIBERS WHICH CONTAIN  
PREPARATIONS :

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF  
ABANDONMENT, filed February 27, 2004. The petition requests that the  
abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment of January 05, 2004, for  
failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter dated July 23, 2003 be  
withdrawn. The petitioner asserts that applicants timely filed a proper response and  
a Petition for Extension of Time on December 18, 2003.

**DECISION**

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee).

A review of the petitioner's evidence provided with the instant petition indicates  
that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the  
applicants did file the proper response to the Office letter of July 23, 2003 in a  
timely manner. The evidence provided includes: 1) a copy of the Response to the  
Office letter of July 23, 2003 with a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission dated  
December 18, 2003 ; 2) a copy of the Petition for Three Months Extension of Time  
with a Certificate of Facsimile Transmission dated December 18, 2003 ; 3) a copy  
of the FAX COVER SHEET ; and 4) a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile  
Transmission confirming receipt of the Response and Petition for Extension of  
Time by the USPTO dated December 19, 2003.

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Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to pending status. The application will be forwarded to the Technical Support Staff for entering of the Response dated December 18, 2003 and then forwarded to the examiner for prompt consideration.

The Petition is **GRANTED.**

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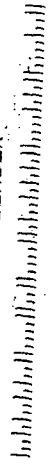
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